WE ELECTED WRONG MAYOR

ASK MR. SHEPARD-HE "ROASTS" THE ADMINISTRATION.

Rip Van Winkle Gone to Sleep, He Calls It-Bess Mxon Puts in a Good Word for the Corporations-Florida Man Nominates "Hill and Balley for 1904."

"The knocker on the outside." as one man called Edward M. Shepard when it was all over, clattered rapidly for more than three-quarters of an hour at the Harlem Casino last evening, where nearly three hundred members and guests of the Harlen Democratic Club were dining in celebration

of Thomas Jefferson's birthday.

Mr. Shepard's toast was "The Day We Celebrate. Beginning with faint praise of Mayor Low as a man whom he honored he scored the whole city administration from the Mayor down as sleeping supinely while ante-election promises were ignored and campaign charges against Tammany Hall were turned against their makers Mr. Shepard doesn't believe in ante-election promises. He thinks they are unconstitu-

"When the administration removed Devery-the most picturesque and dangerous figure," said Mr. Shepard, "that was the beginning and the end of the job of promised reform.

"Mr. Low puts in office an estimable man who is not looking for trouble, and we have this amiable man presiding over problem needing incessant energy.
"We have the spectacle of Rip Van Win-

kle gone to sleep. And that is the whole administration. That is the way the administration has kept its pledge of immediate and drastic reform. "We see the Mayor and the Police Com-

missioner rejoicing in the insubordination of a whole section of the police force. Were he a general and his officers an army, where soldiers having no confidence in their officers determined to act for themselves, would it not make the whole world laugh?" Mr Shepard said that for the largest part of what of good had been done under

the present city government, credit was due the Democratic members of the administration. He continued; If you were to put the Mayor and the District Attorney on the stand to-day, they would acknowledge that there was much truth in what we said in the cam-

paign, which was that there was gross exaggeration in what they said. "It was said that Tammany administrations stole \$20,000,000 a year out of the city appropriations. So after election I said, being a taxpayer in a small way, 'Well, then we'll save that much of the taxpavers

money this year anyway." "Well, section 56 of the amended Charter gives the Board of Estimate and Apportionment absolute power over salaries, except those of teachers and a few others, subject only to revision by the Aidermen and veto by the Mayor. Let us concede for the sake of argument that the Board of Estimate is a reformed body. If it be true that the Democrats wasted \$20,000,000 a year, surely this board can save that

Have they done so? "Why one needs to rub his eyes as in a dream when he is told that instead the contemplation is to increase appropriations by \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000.

"When the present administration came in we were shocked at almost the first utterance of the Mayor, who charged that the fusion Aldermen were corrupt. A days after that, the Citizens' Union Coroner, Goldenkranz, acted in a peculiar way. A little later we heard of the Citizens' Union and Republican candidate, Guden-and the Governor of the State

vos driven by the instincts of decency to remove him summarily. It was an intant dying a few days after birth.

"But the most wonderful product of this administration is the present Bridge Com-missioner. Mr. Lindenthal has produced to less than fourteen plans to solve the no less than fourteen plans to solve the Bridge difficulty. I am told that it is the daily experience of the Corporation Counsel's office to receive in the morning a ouest for an opinion on a new plan for Bridge renef, and in the afternoon to re-ceive word that mature reflection has dem-

onstrated that the plan is not feasible any-"The Secretary of the Civil Service Reform Association says that four months have now gone by and affairs are as bad as ever.' The present administration has been in present administration has been in respect unfaithful. It has managed tempt the Coroners' clerks and employees of the Commissioners of Accounts

"If it is true, as we are told, that the Police Commissioner has been keeping the preflection promises given by those from whom his power came, it is also true that the promises of efforts toward a rational medification of the sumptuary Excise law

have not been kept.
"I respect the District Attorney for trying "I respect the District Attorney for trying to do what he promised. But I do not respect those on the ticket with him who took advantage of his strength to get into office for their failure to make any suggestion to or any demand upon the Legislature for an atteration of that law, which would put an end to talk of blackmail and give us an Excise law to which the sentiment of the city itself is not opposed.

"The administration put no representative of the opposition on the Board of Education, and it deals a blow to the cause of education from the results of which no subsequent administration of the department, however good, can effect a re-

partment, however good, can effect a re

Lewis Nixon said: "I think that we hav been put in a false position in relation to corporations. Not all corporations are trusts. But corporate rights granted by trusts. But corporate tights granted by the Government should not be abused to the oppression of the people. But the Democratic party cannot afford to say that any measures should be taken to in-terfere with functions which have been found necessary to industrial and financial osperity the party cannot afford to put in a position of interfering with the osperity of the country. Policies must prosperity of the country. Policies must be adjusted to varying meets of times. Dr. Charles H. Moak, Vice-Presiden of the club, read a letter from David B Bill, in which the Wolfert's Booster said Hill, in which the Wolfert's Rooster said it is to be hoped that your club will be material to its former practice as at influence and and safe doctrines of hemocratic behalf. The frequent occurrence of the country of the economic of the economic said in the same and the said to a growing interest to party affairs and to a growing interest to party affairs and to a growing interest to party affairs and to a growing the economic to press behave at a growing the said to a growing the economic to press behave at a growing to a said the said to a growing the said to a g

We must organize organize organize The Hon Robert W Davis of Florida spoke on The Democracy of the South and offered his selection of cancillator for the Presidency and the Vice-President y We want to win the next Presidents "We want to win the next Presidential field," he said, "and we want to have a candidate for the Presidency from the hister of New York. Can you give us such a man? If I were to mane him, I would as

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CONTRIDER, L. I. April 17 - The village stage that has been running between this niam and the Long Island Battrond station

MORE COAL MINERS STRIKE. about 2,000 of the West Penn Men Ou

-Restless Near Altoons. PITTSBURG, Pa., April 17.-The strike of coal miners along the West Pennsylvania Railroad began in earnest to-day having been declared officially at the Leech burg meeting last night. The men employed at twenty-six mines were ordered out, and all responded. Fully 2,000 miners are idle, and about 500 are at work, th Pittsburg and Buffalo, the Kerr and the Allegheny coal companies having signed the new scale. The scale is uniform in the three veins in the Allegheny and Kiske-

minetas valleys.

ALTOONA, Pa., April 17.—The miners of the Webster Coal and Coke Company. aggregating 5,000 men, are expected to strike within two days, because, as the mine leaders allege, the company is not paying the Altoona scale and has refused paying the Altoona scale and has refused to give check weighmen on coal tipples. The trouble originated when the Webster company discharged union men at their mines at Ehrenfeld. The company did not participate in the Altoona convention and has not paid the scale then adopted.

National Organizer McKay is authority for the statement that the strike will be the most serious in the district. The settlement of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg field was made so that the organization might be free to deal with the Webster situation.

SEES VANDERBILT INFLUENCE. Labor Man on the Reasons Why Allis

Chaimers Strike Is Not Settled. CHICAGO, April 17 .- Business Agent Ireland of the International Machinists' Union, who has just returned from the East, said o-day that the Vanderbilt millions were being used to fight the striking machinists of the Allis-Chalmers Company plants in Chicago. He gives it as the reason why the recent attempt at a settlement fell through. He said:

"There is no doubt in my mind that we are now fighting the great Vanderbilt in-terests. About two months ago nego-tiations for settlement had proceeded so far as to warrant us in thinking the trouble had at last ended when it was speedily lowed by the announcement that the lowed by the announcement that the Allis people had withdrawn from active con-trol and ex-Judge Gary of the Steel Trust was made President of the Board of Di-rectors, a place which he now holds. It is well known that Morgan has the destinies of the Steel Trust in his control and through him we have traced ownership to the Van

MINE WORKERS DEMANDS.

Coal Operators May Agree to Meet Their Employees as Union Men.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 17 .- District President Nichols of the United Mine Workers said to-night that three district Presidents and National President Mitchell expect to be called to New York early next week by the Civic Federation to make an effort to adjust the miners' grievances amicably. They have strong hopes that the operators will recognize the union. It is understood that the operators may offer to sign an agreement to adjust difficulties with their own employees and that this will be accepted instead of a direct this will be accepted instead of a direct recognition of the union.

WILL KEEP THEIR CONTRACTS. Mine Workers in Vain Order Engineers and Pump Runners to Break Them.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 17 .- The engineers and dump runners at the Pettebone, Woodward and the Avondale mines of the Lackawanna Railroad were notified this morning by the United Mine Morkers that unless they joined the strikers within twenty-four hours their names would be stricken from the rolls of the union. The men signed a contract with the company several weeks ago and declare they will keep it. The company got an additional force of men at work in the Jersey mine to-day, and the mine is now saved from the fire which threatened it.

Rochester and Pittsburg Miners at Work. ALTOONA, Pa . April 17 -- According to the settlement reached last Tuesday, the 16,000 miners in the Rochester & Pittsburg Coal & Iron Company's field resumed work lis morning. Simultaneously the car shops of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad and other industries depen-dent upon the coal field were reopened. No further trouble is anticipated in that listrict during the scale year

Building Trades Strike in Sharon. Pa. SHARON, Pa., April 17.- A strike embracng all branches of the building trade and nvolving 1.500 men was precipitated here o-day. Failure to bring about a settlement of the stonemasons' wages dispute with the contractors caused all union men to come out. Building operations are completely tied up in Sharon, South Sharon and Wheatland.

Leaves Strike Injunctions to State Courts INDIANAPOLIS. April 17. - Federal Judge Baker this morning declined to issue an njunction to prevent strikers from main aining pickets around the Rockwood Manufacturing Company's plant. He holds that it is the business of the State courts

the Federal courts' jurisdiction. Strikers Win.

preserve peace, and the question is no

PATERSON, April 17.- The strikes at the Helyetia and the Murray stik mills have each been settled, the manufacturers conceding the demands of the weavers for an advance in wages. The weavers will return to work to-morrow. All the silk mills in the city are very busy at present.

Architectural fromworkers Want More.

The Archiectural Ironworkers' Union as decided to demand an increase in wages go into effect May 1. The new scale, which means an advance all round, calls for \$0 cents an hour for outside finishers 35 cents an hour for outside belows, 35 cents an hour for inside finishers and 25 cents an hour for inside below. There are about one thousand members in the union

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The Tar. Felt and Waterproof Workers Union, composed of toolers, reported was terday that the employers have all granted as moreone of 25 cente a day in wages withmut a strike. The utdoor has a memberaha

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NAMESTALE. Tent. April 17 - Deputy short Money of Boots County, Va , and a come of mountaineers bust high constants rederick Wininger and the livelington orothers and Abe Horgitics of the fatious Wright Templeton outlow going for whom buy have been searching over two service the cutch was made in the immentation reaction of the control of the country. The circumstance of the country. The friends to the country of the country of

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WOODRUFF AND GRUBER TALL

THEY SPAR AT THE DINNER OF THE INVINCIBLE CLUB.

Both Eulogize the Governor-Col. Gruber, However, Criticises Him for Signing One Bill and Lets Fly Some Poetry at Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff.

Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff and Col. Abe Gruber fired a few hard shots at each other ast night at the dinner of the Invincible Club in Brooklyn which was attended by over a hundred prominent Republicans.

"The Republican party did its duty by he people last fall," said the Lieutenant-Governor. "We did our duty and we carried out our promise to overthrow Tammany Hall. Now I have read some criticisms of the present organization in this county. The Republican organization is as it was constituted by the action of the Republicans at the last primary election and any fault must be found with them and not with the leaders. A single mistake was made.

"The Governor did what the people de manded of him and removed the Sheriff office a representative man, Col. Dike.

A voice: "He did right." The Republican leaders have been criticised at the hands of certain independents and other persons. Some of these independents in the leaders have been an active interest. persons. Some of these independents should have taken an active interest in party affairs. This public criticism is a detriment to the Republican party."

The Lieutenant-Governor added that the fight that is threatened would not be factional, but would be waged by men who are referred to as reformers as against the men to whom is intrusted the manage.

the men to whom is intrusted the manage ment of the party. "I deprecate any such fight," he said. The speaker then criticised the statement credited to Col. Abo Gruber that he, Gruber, would vote against Gov. Odell if Gov. Odell signed the Pennsylvania Rail-

Gov. Odell signed the remarkable food bill.

"And ex-Gov. Black has managed with the aid of independent Democrats to carry the city of Troy," continued Mr. Woodruff, "and instead of electing independent Republicans he aided in the election of independent Democrats."

publicans, he aided in the election of independent Democrats."

Col. Gruber, replying to the Lieutenant-Governor, said there never was a time when the truth didn't square itself.

"I said," continued the Colonel, "that I was opposed to the giving away of franchises in perpetuity. I haven't changed that conjuon yet."

that opinion yet."
Then after lauding Gov. Odell Col. Gruber added: "The bill which the Governor has signed is a bill giving Mayor Low and the local authorities power to do anything the local authorities power to do anything franthey please in the way of granting fran-chises. As for Gov. Black he didn't nominate a Democrat for a county office nor a city office either. And as for myself there is nothing in the constitution of the Reublican party to compel me to follow ov. Woodruff and vote for the Democrats

"What you need over here in Brooklyn "What you need over here in Brooklyn is a few surgical operations. Democrats are holding harmony dinners. Hill and Stanchfield, Shepard and Coler are playing ping-pong, but the chances are that when the fall campaign comes on the Democrats will be looking for a cure for Nebraska measles and Kansas City colic, and there's a likelihood they'll be suffering other illnesses."

In concluding Col. Gruber got this off

Tis only the wise who may know of the future.

And are loudly acclaimed as talking good And are loudly acclaimed as taking good stuff;
But who has a cinch on the past and present Compared with the watchful and wary Wood-ruff;
To have and to hold are easy to Tim,
But what say Reformers whose hooks are in the compared with the compare

The dinner was presided over by the President of the club, Mr. L. L. Fawcett The others who made addresses were Congressman John S. Wise and Mr. Lee Fairchild. While the speechmaking was going on Sheriff Dike entered the clubhouse and received a warm welcome from his friends who had read that early in the day the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court had decided in his favor and against Guden.

RECONCENTRADO ORDER LEGAL. War Is War, Argues the Attorney-General's

before our war with Spain the main contention of the United States is that a state of war existed in Cuba when Weyler was in command. The victim of damage done in war has no redress.

In support of the contention that there was a state of war, the Attorney-General's office, by William E. Fuller, Assistant Attorney-General, and Charles F. Jones and Charles D. Westcott, assistant attorneys, have prepared a brief, a copy of which reached yesterday Carter Hughes and Dwight, attorneys for claimants.

The brief sets forth as one of the evidences of a state of war Weyler's reconcentrado order, of which it says:

centrado order, of which it says:

Being under martial law, the will of the General commanding the artny was supreme and absolute, and from it there was no appeal it was, in fact, the only law then in existence, for the jurisdection of the civil law previously in force on the island was completely onsted thereby, in conformity with the established rule that where martial law prevails the municipal law is abrogated and its authority rendered impotent. This being true, the reconcentrado order and its strict enforcement were lawful being necessarily in conformity with the only law then existing in those districts of Cuta under Spanish military control, namely, the will of Gen. Weyler himself.

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inself.

A further institlation of the reconcentrade policy, if any is needed, is afforded by
the general rule that a beingerent may adopt
any means which will tend, directly or indirectly, to weaken the enemy and disable
him from continuing the struggle Gen
Weyler was not at liberty, even had he been
so inclined, to massacre the hon-combatant
rurales in cold blood, for that would have
been in flagrant violation of the laws of war
and of every precept of Christian civilization.

Consequently he did the next best thing,
and removed them en masse from the scene
of their pernicious activity to the partiens
of the gafrieon towns, where they would
be under the continual surveillance of Spanish
troms. They were thus effectually prevented from giving further aid and comfort
to the insurrection.

This is generally known as the reconcentrado order, and its efficient enforcement
resulted in until suffering and death to
thousands of non-combatants subjected to
its operation. Hence the question has
well be asked. Was this a legitimate measure
of civilized variance. The forceroment contends that it was, and this not withstanding
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STADARA FALLS, S. Y . April 17 The ow minimpal administration was in augurated here on Tuesday and the may Police Commissioners such this afternoon The resignation of William Dinan ac Chief of Police was accepted. It is understood that he was assessed to resign. First here-gears Malourly is acting Otief and the appointment in likely to be permanent. The force will be thoroughly overtaining. The reorganization is the count of a de-termination on the part of the people that exists chall not be gurned here as I was to over fifty years will stop to sport we have to the house and smothered the crime chall not be increased because the place. The fames Mother and child were severely have been contrast a line between the body and were taken to show the college of the status.

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LETTERS TO WEST CHESTER. Miss Walsh Gets One Postmarked Where

Mr. Clendenin's Was. Detective Doty of the West Chester station was detailed yesterday to duty at the home of the Rev. F. M. Clendenin, the rector of St. Peter's Church, who recently eceived an anonymous letter intimating that there was danger of the kidnapping of his children. Nothing at all occurred

during the day. Capt. Walsh of the West Chester station has in the meantime had his attention turned in a new direction, the following up of which may throw some light on the

Clendenin letters.
Miss Crosby, the seventeen-year-old daughter of James Crosby, editor of the Real Estate Guide, and a member of Dr. Clendenin's church, received last Tues day a letter from a man whose name was unknown to her. The writer asked her if she would meet him at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and begged her to write him an answer telling whether she would come or not. The letter was signed, but neither the police nor Miss Crosby's family would make the name public yesterday. They said, however, that the letter was postmarked at the same sub-stations in Harlem from which was postmarked to be letter to

from which was postmarked the letter to Dr. Clendenin. That, possibly, is the route by which letters for West Chester go.

Miss Crosby gave the letter to her brother, James Crosby, Jr., and last Wednesday he went down to the Fifth Avenue Hotel to investigate. He found that a man bearing the name signed to the letter had bearing the name signed to the letter had really lived at the hotel up till that very day when he had sailed for Europe.

NEGROES ATTACK TRAMPS. Four White Hoboes Assault Two Colored

Women -Small Riot Follows. SUFFOLK, Va., April 17 .- The attempted ssault by four white tramps upon two young negro women precipitated a short riot to-day near the Suffolk Peanut Company's plant. The women's screams brought to the rescue a negro fireman, who was set upon with clubs and was nearly dead when President King of the peanut company called out male negro employees They came with pitchforks, bludgeons and

bricks. The whites were badly worsted. One rolled into a ditch as if dead, but was resuscitated. To save the tramps' lives, the officials called off the negroes, who arrested three of the bleeding tramps and

held them for the police.

President King fears his fireman may die. The fourth tramp was shot at and pursued by police and a posse of blood-hounds into the Dismal Swamp depths. Once he submerged himself in water to escape the bloodhounds and finally reached ne only canalboat and escaped toward ake Drummond. Dora Phillips, one tramp's wife, when

arrested had a pistol and a pass book showing \$100 deposited in a Richmond savings bank. Local sentiment is strongly with the negroes who would have been held blameless had the tramps been killed outright. Those in prison say they are John Dolan, George Phillips, and John H. Walker.

THE SURVIS MURDER TRIAL. Testimony in Corroboration of That of

the Victim's Father. NEWBURGH April 17.-In the trial to-day f Homer L. Survis for murder the testimony was chiefly by the several doctors who attended Henderson, the victim, the five or six days he lingered after being shot in the neck, and by the policemen who investigated the case at the time.

Rudolph Fluss, a store keeper adjoining he Henderson store and who was awakened ov the shooting, testified in corroboration of Henderson's father, who showed how the nurderer fell on his hands and knees out c he place through a broken window. He could not identify the man, but was sure it was not Martin Ryan, who went to the Henderson store two or three times after the murder to get a hat and revolver that the murderer left behind.

Mrs. Fluss testified that she saw from the same window three men go through the broken window. One of the shots was heard before the first two escaped and the second shot before the second man got out. She identified the revolver that was found on the floor near Henderson's body. The last man out had no hat on and it was not Martin Ryan, she said on and it was not Martin Ryan, she said. and somewhat delayed proceedings and the court ordered that some out door exercise be given them, and to-night they were seen walking up and down the streets near the Court House, in charge of officers.

Miss Claire Chatain and Maurice Genners vere married last evening, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Amand Chatain 42 West Ninetieth street, by the Rev. Dr. T. Murcher. The bride was a by Miss Ella Fitch as maid of honor. was attended were no bridesmaids. William O. Gen-nert was the best man and Leonard D. White and George Clarke were ushers. Only relatives and intimate friends witnessed the ceremony. A large general reception followed it.

D'Oench - Brown. MONTCLAIR, N. J., April 17.-Miss Elizabeth L. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George . H. Brown of Upper Montelair, and Dr. Frederick E. D'Oench of New York, were married in the Christian Union Congregational Church yesterday afternoon.

Miss Esther W. Roe of Upper Montclair
was maid of honor and Albert F. D'Oench
of New York was best man. The ushers were Harold Recknagle Edward D. man, Alfred O. Titunan and Albrecht Pagenstrecher all of New York

Bidwell Meyer

Two years ago Harold S. Bidwell, the sor of ex-Collector George R. Bidweil, being then a boy of 17, was married to Miss Mac Meyer. On account of the yoush of the Bidwell that they she here and Mr Blowell that they should have apart until the boy had completed his studies and was established in business. He is now in business, and Mr Bidwell two weeks ago furnished a flat for the young

sceligman Hausman

Miss Gertrude Hausman of 250 West Eighty-second street and Louis F. Seeligman, were married yesterday afternoon at Sherry's Miss Lillian Hausman, was maid of honor There were no brides-maids George Rosenfeld was the best man and Frederick Hausman. Maurice Bacher Sidney Alsenheim, Edward Herzog and James Donald were ushers

Mrnohs Monglass

Florence Douglass, daughter of former Instrict Court Judge William P. Douglass of dersey tity, and Walter to Broome of Parente were married Wednessiny night at the bride's home. 230 Union effect, by the Her Einer's Fortes Miss May Terry was bridesmaid and Architold E. Deuglass man fanet shash

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The contringe of Miss Doley Milion and H M Weisel took place fact evening at minerary's. The toricle is a changitaer of Mr and Mrs. Edward Million of S6 Foot Newscaty.

Meuro Archer

BALTIMORE, Md., April 17. Miss Eliza. beth Archer was married this afternoon to William Livingston firms of flow York at the reminister of the bride's mother on it. Faul street by the Bev. H. A. Castleman.

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there is little, if appliing, left in he so the leading outsteen of the day

WOODRUFF CAPITULATES.

CONSENTS TO GIVE THE SCHIEREN REFORMERS THEIR WAY.

This the Result of a Meeting of Woodruff Schleren, F. M. Brooks and William Berri-Col. Michael J. Dady, A. T Hobley, Mr. Robb and Others to Go.

The threatened clash in Brooklyn between the regular Republican managers and the independents, under the leadership of ex-Mayor Schieren, is likely to be averted. Four leading Republicans of the borough, representing the contending elements, met secret confab at the Oxford Club on Sunday afternoon and after three hours' discussion of the situation decided to settle their differences without resort to a contest at the September primaries. The conferees were Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff, ex-Mayor Schieren, F. M. Brooks, President of the Young Republican Club, and Wil-

of the Young Republican Club, and William Berri, who posed as peacemaker.

Mr. Schieren spoke of the mismanagement of the organization as evidenced by the Guden and other scandals and of the predominance of discredited persons in the councils of the party. He declared that he and his associates would not rest until these persons were eliminated. Mr Brooks spoke to the same effect. Mr. Woodruff was most pacific in his utterances, agreeing to spoke to the same effect. Mr. Woodruff was most pacific in his utterances, agreeing to make almost any terms so as to avoid a factional scrimmage on the eve of the Gubernatorial election. He substantially promised that 'he obnoxious district leaders would retire of their volition and that their places would be filled by men in whom the reformers have confidence. This is how the story of the conference was summed up yesterday in the Standard-Union, of which Mr. Berri, the pacificator, is the owner:

Before the four men left the clubhouse it was understood that Mr. Brooks should complete the formation of the Committee of 100, and that it should draw up the platform which will contain the claims of the independents. Then the organization leaders will probably get together and see what demands they are willing to accede to. There seems to be little doubt among politicians that pretty nearly everything the independents want they will get.

It is understood that the Assembly district leaders who will be forced into retirement include Michael J. Dady, A. T. Hobley, Alexander Robb and at least five or six others. The reformers are also to dictate the names of the officers of the next General and Executive committees.

BRENNER GETS A JOB.

missioner of Jurors.

County Judges Aspinall and Crane and Surrogate Church of Brooklyn, under a special act passed last winter at Albany, esterday appointed former Magistrate Jacob Brenner Special Commissioner of Jurors. The term, which begins on May 1, is for five years, at \$6,000 a year. Mr Brenner will appoint Frank J. Gardiner, one of the Republican leaders in the Eleventh Assembly district, his deputy, at a salary of \$3,500. He has not yet announced

who his secretary is going to be.

About a year ago, Mr. Brenner was appointed to the same office, but Commis-sioner Melody, the incumbent, refused to reliquish the office, contending that the law under which the appointment was made was unconstitutional and he was sustained by the courts. As there is no claim that there is any defect in the new law, Mr. Melody will retire on May 1.

Mr. Brenner has been active in Republican politics for the past twenty years and

lican politics for the past twenty years, and during most of that time has been the leader in the Eighth Assembly district. He was chairman of the Campaign Committee last vear and is at present chairma Republican Executive Committee.

TO OPEN CAMPAIGN IN INDIANA. First Gun of Congress Battle to Be Fired

at Republican State Convention. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 17.-The opening gun of the Congress campaign next is to be fired here on Wednesday next at the Republican State Convention. This convention is to nominate all State officers save a Governor, and already Republicans all over the country are turning their eyes on Indiana. It is known that the junior Republican Senator of the State, the Hon. Albert J. Beveridge, is slated for Chairman of the convention. Senator Beveridge the personal friend and confidant of Prodent Roosevelt, and it is expected that Senator Beveridge in his speech to the con-vention will reflect to a very marked degree the views of the Administration at Wash-

the views of the Administration at Washington on the important issues now uppermost in the minds of the people.

This will be the first Republican State Convention since President Roosevelt occupied the White House. Senator Beveridge, it is said, will outline the issues as it is assumed they will be, not only for the State election in Indiana this fall, but for the Congress election all over the country and the national issues which will be advanced by the Republican party from new vanced by the Republican party from now on until the national battle in 1904.

STRASBOURGER FOR LEADER Of the 31st District Republicans in Place

of the Late Surveyor Craft. The members of the Republican County ommittee from the Thirty-first Assembly district met last night at the rooms of the Central Republican Club at 101 West 127th treet and elected President Samuel Stras-bourger of that club, district leader in place of the late Silas C. Croft, Surveyor of the Port. Mr. Strasbourger is a Tax Commissioner, is a lawyer by profession and has been a resident of the district for He was an intimate friends twelve years.

County Committee Backs Letter Carriers. The Republican County Committee is in favor of the bill now before Congress to increase the pay of letter carriers, making the maximum salary \$1,200 a year in cities of the first class and \$1,000 a year in cities of the second class. Resolutions urging the New York Senators and Representatives to vote for the bill were adopted last night.

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West to Fight Indians. Four infantile burgiars whose aggregat age amounts to 29 years were locked up in the West Twentieth street station had night by Policeman Miven and Lewin who caught them in the plumber shop of P Burbridge at 202 Eighth avenue The store was entered last Wednesday

night through the order and a quantity of inad pipe was carried off. When the laye were exprised, one of their besied out at old, rusty unloaded cavalry revolves situated as large as hitteed white two of the others four-situated largers. the others fourished long-topided daggers. At the atation the keips described themselves as Austin timing, a years old of inti. West Eighteenth extrest, William McAciano, a years old of its Eighteenth extrest, William Servest, William Piennining, i) years old of the Eighth assence and down Marcin, a years old of the Execution assence. They conformed they had related the storp to raise during so that they could go West and fight intimes.

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A DAM TO BAR. OUT ICEBERGS. CLASSMATES DINE DR. BUTLER Canadian Plan to Close the Stratts of Belle Isle.

QUEBEC, April 17 .- A notable engineering project is now being discussed here. It is proposed to close the straits of Belle Isle between Newfoundland and Labrador by building a breakwater across it at the narrowest part, where the channel is ten

miles wide and 180 feet deep. The benefits expected from such a scheme ire that the shores of Quebec, Anticosti, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island would become veritable gardens in which semi-tropical fruits and vegetables would flourish, and that the part of Labrador west of the causeway would have a climate as salubrious as that of France, being in about the same lati-The theory (underlying this proposal

has the wieight of practical experience largely on its side. The argument is that Belle Island Strait is the channel or door-way from the north by which icebergs, floes and the frigid waters from Greenland and the Arctic Ocean find their way to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, chilling its area, causing fogs, cold, damp and late springs, and generally imparting to the region a emi-Arctic aspect. As conditions now are, with this seaway

open, the ice begins to drift toward the end of November, and the navigation of the gulf is then extremely difficult, if not impossible, until the following May. If this channel were closed, it is maintained by the promoters of the scheme that little ice would be formed in the gulf during the winter, for then the frozen plains and chilly waters from the north would be forced out into the Atlantic Ocean and along the east coast of Newfoundland. The Gulf of St. Lawrence has an area

larger than the State of Illinois, and such body of ice pours into it that it forms huge crystal prairies thirty feet thick, and with a superficial area of many miles, driven this way and that by the changing winds. The lowering of temperature caused by this immense body of ice most caused by this immense body of ice most certainly helps to create the present tempestuous conditions incident to winter in the St. Lawrence region, and there is little doubt that if the flow of this frigid current with its load of ice masses, should be diverted into some other direction, a very marked betterment in the climatic conditions would ensue. Indeed, it is by conditions would ensue. Indeed, it is by no means improbable that the outcome would be that the damming of the strait He Is Again Appointed Special Com-

would be that the damming of the strait would so alter the meteorological conditions that the Gulfand River St Lawrence might be made navigable all winter, certainly as far as Quebec, and probably inland to Montreal.

If the navigation of the St. Lawrence for the whole year could be assured by experiment, it would be money well spent for Canada to take hold of it and put it through as a national undertaking, it simply means starting a dump and carrying it across the strait, with a convex curve toward the Atlantic, so as better to resist the chafing and pressure from the floes and bergs.

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The causeway would have to be built of rock, as earth would quickly be washed away, but Labrador and northern Newfoundland abound in rock; hills, mountain ranges and boulders are to be found in abundance, and it would be simply a case of blowing down the hills and carting the rocks to the day and durping them in. or blowing down the fills and carting the rocks to the dam and dumping them in.

There is a proposal to construct a rail-way across the new highway which would thus annex the island of Newfoundland to the American continent, but this feature of this scheme is not of pressing importance and will not be until the neighboring terriand will not be until the neighboring terri-

tory upon both sides of the dam shows some signs of the prosperity and productiveness expected to follow the execution of the main feature of the project; for there is not a rail-way at present on the Canadian side to connect with it nearer than Quebec, a thousand miles away, while on the New-foundland side the railway is not within 250 miles of the strait.

The chief objection offered to the main The chief objection offered to the main idea, so far, is that there are no definite lines to indicate exactly what the climatic changes would be. While it is admitted that the effect of the proposed structure would be to raise by many degrees the temperature of the surrounding region, it by no means follows that it would accomplish all that is expected of it. Could it only be satisfactorily established that it would do so, it is understood that the capital for the entire undertaking would be immediately forthcoming.

forthcoming. BRINE COMPANY SUES.

Charges Boston and Maine With Discrimination Because of Big Strike.

Boston, April 17 .- An echo of the recent Boston strike was heard here to-day when the R. S. Brine Transportation Company filed two bills in equity in the United States Circuit Court, one under the Interstate Commerce law and the other to enforce its alleged right at common law against the Boston and Maine Railroad Company to restrain the defendant from discriminating against the plaintiff's teamsters and drivers.
It is alleged that prior to Jan. 20, 1902,
the railroad company had its employees ssist all teamsters and drivers, including assist all teamsters and drivers, including those of the plaintiff, but that since that date no help has been given to plaintiff's teamsters. It is contended that this is in violation of the Interstate Commerce act and also of the common law, in that it is an illegal discrimination between customers. The court issued an order costs contracting the court issued an order f notice returnable on April 28

DR. SCOVILLE'S FUNERAL.

services in Plymouth Church Over Henry

ward Heecher's Son-in-Law. The funeral services of the Rev. samuel Scoville, assistant pastor of Plymouth Church, were held in the church last night. The Rev. Dr. Hillis and Prof. Rossi ter W. Raymond made addresses, remines-

ter W. Raymond made addresses: reminescent of Dr. Scoville's work and life.

After the services the congregation remained standing while the organist played "Lead Kindly Light," and the family of the deceased, consisting of his widow, the daughter of Henry Ward Beecher, and her two sons and two daughters, viewed the remains.

The burial will take place in South Cornwall, Corn., to-day.

Vermont Sheep for Australia. MIDDEEBURY, Vt., April 17 Thirty. our fancy thoroughbred Spanish merina sheep, including several prise winners were shipped to New York today to be sent to Ameralia. Several of the prize winners were from the flock of Ira I. Nom-bigs of Cornwall. Secretary of the Vortugat Merino Sheep Breeders Association

Lineman Falls 60 Feet Without Infor: IRRAPA, N. Y., April 17 F. J. Somone incense, this morning fell to fost from a adaptione pole, formed two comercautes ingels to work. His full was due to the un-boosting of a helt which supported a plat-form from which he was working

mirichen With Brath to the Street France, April 37 Shoseph Altsreige, at prominent registers of this city, expired modernly to Home this afternoon with walking to the either He was sirician with heart disease and died before a physi-rian result be numiconed

TWENTY-SEVEN OF '82 HAIL HIM AS COLUMBIA'S PRESIDENT.

One Came Way Up From North Dakota President-Elect Attends the 'Varsity Dance Later's Enthusiastically Re

ceived-More Installation Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler, who is o be installed to-morrow as President of Columbia University, was the guest of his classmates of the class of 1882 at a dinner given last night at the Claremont Hotel. At Dr. Butler's request there were

no formal speeches,

Twenty-seven members of the class, hailing from all parts of the country, gathered at this twentieth anniversary of their graduation, as well as to attend the installation ceremonies at the university to-morrow. One member of the class came from Fargo, N. D.

The menu card contained on its face a handsome engraving of the '82 gate in 120th street presented to the university by the class several years ago. After the banquet Dr. Butler and the class attended the students' installation ball in the Columbia gymnasium.

Those who were present at the dinner were William Thornton Lawson, Girard Romaine, R. Arrowsmith of Orange, N. J., James Lenox Banks, D. De Forest of Summit, N. J., the Rev. Dr. Bernard Dracaman, E. J. Gillies, E. R. Greene, of Brooklyn,
Frederick H. Lee, D. G. Maslag of Fargo,
N. D., Dr. C. S. Mead of Port Chester,
N. Y., L. F. Messer of Buffalo, Dr. W. A.
Moore, Dr. Deas Murphy, Thomas Nash,
the Rev. James B. Nies of Brooklyn, Dr.
W. K. Otis, H. de B. Parsons, L. D. Ray,
N. Pendleton Rogers of Plainfield, N. J.,
C. H. Simonds, F. B. Smidt, Dr. M. L. Warrin of Flushing, John Webber, Jr., W. O.
Wiley of Orange, and B. S. Wise.
At the dance in the gymnasium there
were fully three hundred couples present.
The gymnasium was beautifully decorated
as it will be at the installation ceremonies
to-morrow. The pillars and walls were
covered with light blue and white festoens
and streamers. The motto of the university,
In two lumine videbimus lumen was inscribed
in gold on a blue background over an arch. mit. N. J., the Rev. Dr. Bernard Dracu-

in gold on a blue background over an arch. The pennants of the large and historic universities floated from the gallery and shields and flags were everywhere. Supper was served in University Hall at midnight. The entrance of Dr. Butler was the occasion

The entrance of Dr. Butler was the occasion of a great outburst of enthusiasm.

Elaborate preparations have been made at the university for the "students' day" exercises to-day. All the buildings and grounds will be thrown open for public inspection, and though no academic exercises will be held, there are to be receptions in the subsection and transfer by the subsection and the subsection and the subsection are subsection. in the college buildings and track and base-bail games on South Field. To-night a musicale will be given in the university gymnasium, in which both alumni and undergraduates will take part. To-morrow will be devoted to the formal installation. Among the acceptances of invitations

Among the acceptances of invitations to attend received yesterday were those of Edmund Clarence Stedman, Bishop Satterlee, Wayne MacVeagh, Lord Kelvin, Major-Gen John R. Brooke, Karl Buenz, the German Consul-General; the Hon. George B. Cortelyou, Sir Percy Sanderson, J. R. Pioda, the Swiss Minister: Senator George B. Corteiyou, Sir Percy Sanderson, J. B. Pioda, the Swiss Minister; Senator Chauncey M. Depew, Rear-Admiral A. S. Barker, Ambassador von Holleten, Archbisohp Corrigan, Charles V. Fernes, Recorder Goff, Jacob A. Cantor, Judge Wil-lard Bartlett, Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff, "Mark Twain" and William Dean Howells.

HUNGERED ATGOULD LAUNCHING Policemen Held an Indignation Meeting

Later-Investigation Asked Now. It became known yesterday that Howard Baxter, private secretary of Frank Gould, has written to Police Commissioner Partridge asking him to investigate a peculiar incident which occurred at the launching of Mr. Gould's new yacht on March 24 at

the Morris Heights' shipyards. Fifteen patrolmen from the Kingsbridge station, under the command of a roundsman, were detailed to the yards from 8 o'clock in the morning till 1 o'clock in the afternoon to keep order among the crowd that had gathered to witness the launch ing. Mr. Gould had made arrange to his with a caterer to serve luncheon to his guests. When they finished it was disguests. When they finished it was disguests. covered that nothing was left for the police men and the ship yard employees. Mr. Baxter at once looked up the roundsman and handed to him \$20 with the request

that he see that his men were taken of. There the matter ended for the policemen, however, as Mr. Baxter The policemen, however, as Mr. Baxter has heard since, were left to hunger and thirst as they might. Finally several of them asked the roundsman if he hadn't heard of any provision being made for them. He replied, according to the story carried to Mr. Baxter, that he had heard of each of the story of the story carried to Mr. Baxter, that he had heard of nothing of the kind, but that he would go straight to Mr. Gould to see about it. With that he disappeared and was not seen about the place that day. Somebody must have whispered some-

thing to the policemen, however, for they held a very lively indignation meeting in the stationhouse as soon as the evanesin the stationhouse as soon as the evanescent roundsman reappeared. They said
things to him, and according to the men
he then denied that he received any money
from anybody at the time of the launching.
The same mysterious somebody carried
that to Mr. Baxter, and he promptly wrote
a letter to Commissioner Partridge, relating the circumstances pretty much as
they have been related here and suggesting
that an investigation would be in order
Policemen from the King-bridge station
who were present at the launching did not

who were present at the launching did not answer any questions yesterday. They only smiled and winked the other eye. MRS. NORTON KILLED BY A FALLS Contractor of New Haven and His Uncle

Held Pending Investigation NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 17.-Coroner Mix and the police to-night are investigating the death of Mrs. Richard G. Norton, aged 26 years. The autopsy this afternoon made on the body by Prof Bartlett of the Yale Medical School, showed a blood clot on the brain, and in the opinion of the Coroner and Prof. Bartlett it caused the

woman a death The train was in a condition, due, it was said, to a fall, or a blow. Still there are as external marks of a blow. Mrs. Norton was found dead this morning. Upon the facts reported to the Coroner, that official ordered the arrest of Mr. Norton, one of the contractors at the New Haven Relling Mill in this city, and his mode, Thomas Manion of Binghamton, N. Y.

The two had freet out all last right drinking and morning, according to the elaborated

he morning, according to the elatement persons who live in the locase with the octons, there was a coursed, a great deal factor and the fail of a looky on the floor. Bulenchardty Korton tried to borrow some totagentine and amounts from another family in the house, saying that his a de had fallen and hard boroed. Within half an hour a shoter called and family Mrs. Norton dend

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